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fighters over the town up to April 1949, but could not furnish a detailed description of these fighters. Only individual conventional fighters were seen over GORKI after April 1949.

3. Further details on the observed jet plane:

a. A thundering sound was heard at the take-off of the plane.

b. The noise produced by the flying plane was called an "even roar".

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c. On two days [REDACTED] a short light blue plume of smoke was ejected from a plane of this type while it performed a level flight. The speed of the observed plane was comparatively low. No acceleration was observed in connection with the smoke plume.

d. Forty-five minutes was the maximum time the plane was seen aloft, most of the flights being of shorter duration.

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e. [REDACTED] the craft was faster than any planes previously seen. A Soviet officer told [REDACTED] that the maximum speed of the plane was about 750 mph.

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f. The noise of the take-off of an individual plane was heard about 3 a.m. on four or five nights in June 1949. From the noise it could be determined that it was a jet plane. The noise of a flying jet plane was later heard. The landing of the craft was not observed.

Field Comment:

a. This [REDACTED] further clarifies the picture of the swept-back jet type produced in GORKI, although the observations were not made in the plant itself. The objective statements are restricted to actual observations leaving out all personal combinations and conjectures as found in the first report. The details of the attached sketch appear credible, although the fitting of the main landing gear requires clarification. The question whether the observed jet aircraft was a Lavochkin or MIG design can only be decided after the place where the plane was produced has been determined.

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b. From this report it must not be assumed that this type did not go into production before the spring of 1949. According to available information, these jet aircraft were first seen in the fall of 1948. They were also observed by [REDACTED] who left GORKI as early as December 1948.

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1 Annex: Jet Aircraft Observed over GORKI.

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